

Community News

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 crowns Tri-County Valentine Queens



Baby Miss: (left to right) Ashley Brooke Gilley, 2nd runner-up; Taylor Renee Stanton, Baby Miss Tri-County Valentine; Felicity Sanders, 1st runner-up.



Tiny Miss: (left to right) Nina Alexandra Sawyer, 2nd runner-up; Hately Leighann Cook, Tiny Miss Tri-County Valentine; Zoe Bradley, 1st runner-up.



Little Miss: (left to right) Haylee Jones, 1st runner-up; Kelli Behrens, Little Miss Tri-County Valentine; Megan Crutchfield, 2nd runner-up.



Mini Miss: (left to right) Lauren McClung, 2nd runner-up; Victoria Brooke Stinson, Mini Miss Tri-County Valentine; Summer Parker, 1st runner-up.



Tot Miss: Jacey Rayborn, 2nd runner-up; Kinley Meredith Sanders, Tot Miss Tri-County Valentine; Morgan Nicole Sanders, 1st runner-up, and Grayson.



Junior Miss: (left to right) Tonya LaShae Faulner, 1st runner-up; Anna Cara Collier, Junior Miss Tri-County Valentine; Morgan Mae Trawick, 2nd runner-up.

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 hosted its annual Tri-County Valentine's Pageant in February. A queen and the runners-up were crowned in all categories including: Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Tot Miss, Little Miss, Mini Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss. Congratulations to all these young ladies!!

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Adult basketball tournament March 3 & 4 in Elba

The Elba High School Gymnasium will be the site for adult basketball action this weekend during SCOUT SHOOTOUT 2000. The 2-day event is a 16 team, double elimination, full court adult tournament sponsored by Elba Boy Scout Troop 57.

Tournament action will begin Friday at 6 p.m. with games played simultaneously in the Elba High School gymnasium and adjacent practice gym. Play will resume Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Admission charge for spectators each day will be \$2, with children 12 and under admitted free (when accompanied by a parent). Food and beverages will be available.

Deadline to enter nears for Miss Elba and ZC contestants

This year, The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Miss Elba pageants and the Miss Zion Chapel pageants on March 18. Age divisions include: Future Little Miss; age 4 - Kindergarten; Little Miss; 1st grade; Jr. Miss; 7th grade - age 16; Miss; ages 17-21. Entry forms may be picked up at the Elba Schools, Zion Chapel Schools, or the Chamber office located in the old Elba High School building. The entry forms and \$20 entry fee are due on March 3. They should be turned in to the Chamber office. Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss contestants should turn in 2-5x7 black and white photos (one close up and one full length) to the Chamber office by March 10.



Miss: (left to right) Valarie Mitchell, 2nd runner-up; Tyre Dale Anderson, Miss Tri-County Valentine; Jessica Shannon Kelley, 1st runner-up.

Coffee County receives \$190,000 for EQIP

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Mike Harris announced a 2000 funding allocation of \$190,000 for Coffee County under the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The EQIP program assists farmers in installing conservation practices to reduce erosion and manage animal/poultry wastes in order to improve water quality. The program also assists livestock owners with watering facilities and rotational grazing means in order to improve water quality in adjacent streams.

Four areas in Coffee County are approved for EQIP cost sharing. These areas include the Double Bridges Creek Watershed, the Upper Pea River Watershed, the Lower Pea River Watershed, and the Northeast Yellow River Watershed. Funding for these areas was justified because of potential water quality problems from a variety of agriculturally related activities. A variety of practices are approved for cost sharing under EQIP. The sign-up for EQIP cost sharing is presently underway and will continue until March 22. Please come by the FSA Office or NRCS office in New Brockton to make application or call the NRCS office for needed information at 894-5581, Ext. 3.

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Coffee County's Chief Real Property Appraiser facing DUI charge

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A Coffee County employee with the Revenue Commissioner's office was arrested last week (Wednesday, March 1) in New Brockton on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charges.

According to reports, Angela Byrd, 34, chief real property appraiser with the mapping and appraisal office, was driving the 1998 Jeep Cherokee, a county-owned vehicle, when she was stopped by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy.

The sheriff's department, at approximately 1:30 p.m., received a report from a citizen that a vehicle had been observed in the Shiloh Community (U. S. Hwy. 84 just west of New Brockton) traveling east in a dangerous manner - being driven erratically. The sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle matching the description given by the citizen in New Brockton and pulled it over.

After speaking to and observing the driver (Byrd), the deputy, assisted by an Alabama State Trooper, administered a field sobriety test. Byrd failed the test after several attempts, and was taken to the Coffee County Jail where she was charged with DUI. She was also charged (given a traffic citation) with driving on the wrong side of the road.

A search of the vehicle (which is standard procedure) by law enforcement officers revealed two bottles of prescribed medication with Ms. Byrd's name on them. One was for Valium (a tranquilizer) and the other was for Loribac (a pain medication).

After being charged with DUI, Ms. Byrd was taken to a medical facility where two blood samples were taken. One sample was drawn as evidence and sent to the state toxicology lab to be analyzed, and the other was taken for administrative purposes as required by Coffee County policy and given to the county's medical review officer (MRO).

It should be noted that the results of the latter sample by the county MRO is not for public knowledge. County policy requires that test results be maintained under strict confidentiality by the employer, the drug testing laboratory and the MRO. They can only be released by written consent of the employee.

One exception to this policy is administrative proceedings arising from a positive drug test.

On the other hand, the results of the test performed by the state toxicology lab is accessible to the public.

All employees of Coffee County, or any person performing any kind of work for Coffee County, are prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, manufacturing, or having controlled substances, abused prescription drugs or any other mind altering or intoxicating substances present in their system while at work or on duty.

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proper use of medication prescribed by a physician is not prohibited; however, the Commission prohibits the misuse of prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications and requires ALL employees using drugs at the direction of a physician to notify the Commission's MRO or their Drug Program Coordinator where these drugs may affect their performance, such as causing drowsiness.

Ms. Byrd was released from the county jail Wednesday night on a \$500 appearance bond on the above charges.

In addition to the above incident, Ms. Byrd was indirectly involved in another DUI charge against an individual. Anthony Brandt, who was illegally operating the 1998 Jeep Cherokee assigned to Ms. Byrd. Brandt shares a residence with Ms. Byrd in Enterprise.

On January 15, Brandt was stopped by Enterprise police while driving the Jeep Cherokee with a tag registered to another vehicle on it instead of the county tag. The county decals had also been removed from the vehicle. He was charged with DUI and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Ms. Byrd contended that she was unaware the vehicle had been taken by Brandt.

The above incident resulted in 12 county vehicles being parked on county property when not being

used for county business.

Ms. Byrd's legal problems are not limited to the encounter on Wednesday. She has had two harassment charges filed against her in Enterprise in recent weeks. On February 22, Ms. Byrd was arrested in connection to an altercation that occurred in the parking lot at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Enterprise.

Allegedly, Ms. Byrd shouted racial epithets, made an obscene gesture, and shouted at a woman after becoming upset with her over not getting a certain parking space.

The latest of Ms. Byrd's legal woes occurred on Tuesday, March

7, when another warrant was signed against her for harassment. Allegedly, this incident occurred over the weekend in Enterprise.

Reportedly, members of the Coffee County Commission have expressed their hope and expectation that Ms. Byrd's immediate supervisor, Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, will take the appropriate action should the drug test be positive relative to the DUI charge.

Mr. Burns has made no comment to this newspaper as to what action he will take in the matter should the results be positive.

Third Brunson elected to head National Security Insurance Co.

The election of William Lister Brunson Jr. (Bill) as third president and CEO of National Security Insurance Company has been announced, effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Bill received his BS degree in Corporate Finance from the University of Alabama in 1980 and his Law degree from the University's Law School in 1983.

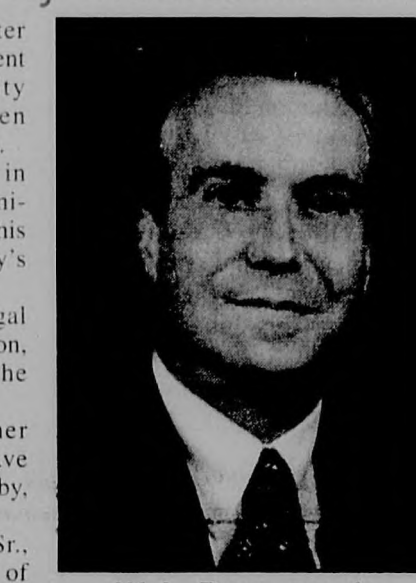
He joined the company's legal staff immediately upon graduation, and was named president of the Life Company.

He is married to the former Rhonda Bozeman and they have two daughters: Sydney and Shelby, and reside in Elba.

Bill's father, W.L. Brunson Sr., was founder and first president of the company. He and a cousin, D.M. English, also of Elba, raised the required finances and the company was chartered Feb. 5, 1947.

They began the company business by issuing policies from their office in the dining room of the Brunson home. The current headquarters, situated among a setting of hardwood and pines, was completed in 1977.

After the death of W.L. Brunson,



W. L. Brunson, Jr.

a new era was begun under his brother, J.R. Brunson, who was elected second president, and in 1997, his son, Jack E. Brunson, became President of National Security Fire and Casualty Company.

Mr. J.R. Brunson's retired and resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Security Group effective Dec. 31, 1999.

County BOE reviews construction plans

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education's main topic of conversation in last Thursday's monthly meeting was building construction.

Bill Wallace, the school system's architect, gave board members an update on the classroom construction on the Zion Chapel and New Brockton campuses. He told the board that everything was on schedule.

"It looks like the deadline, July 1, will be met," said Wallace. This will allow the classrooms to be inspected and still give the teachers time to set up and make sure everything is okay before the 2000-2001 school year begins in August.

The architect also said that plans are presently underway to upgrade the lighting system in the Kinston Elementary school, construct a new business lab (building) at Zion Chapel, and add two new class-

rooms to the New Brockton High School complex. Wallace had drawings of those projects on hand for the board members to review and comment on. The next phase of the projects will be to send out bid invitations to contractors.

Dr. Linda Ingram, administrative assistant to the superintendent, gave board members a brief overview of the high school exit exam which will be administered during the week of March 13.

She noted that this year's seniors will be taking the old test while juniors and sophomores will be taking an upgraded version of the test. Freshmen will not be taking the exam test next week, however,

when they take it next year, they will have to pass it in its entirety.

Due to the recent upgrading of the exit exam, school systems are being given time to prepare the teachers, as well as the students for the testing. The state is also allocating more than \$4 million for remediation of students who are not prepared, at this point, to pass the exam. Dr. Ingram noted very stringent guidelines for its use.

Dr. Ingram said results from the exit exams should be back for review at the end of June.

After a 15 minute executive session.

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New Brockton's Town Council meeting brief & uneventful

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council was brief and to the point Monday evening. With a short meeting agenda (11 items), the meeting lasted just over thirty minutes.

Mayor Britt Lee recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 22 and their leader and expressed, on behalf of himself and members of the council, appreciation of their interest in learning about city government. The scouts observed the council in "action" and even took notes.

The council heard a request from Ron Haney concerning Co. Rd. 272. He told members of the council that each time the county blades the road, the bed of the road drops a little lower in front of his home. Haney said this creates a problem at his driveway entrance. He asked that the council help him in getting

the county to raise the roadbed in front of his home.

Mayor Lee told Haney that he would talk with the county engineer and see if the problem can be corrected.

Acting Police Chief Jerry Gilbert reported that his department had made a total of 32 arrests during the month of February, issued 31 traffic citations, and investigated 5 automobile accidents.

He noted that the fire department had responded to 5 grass fires and 2 vehicle fires. Animal control officers picked up 8 stray dogs and transported them to the pound in Elba.

Mayor Lee commented that the police department had a busy month. Chief Gilbert agreed and said it looked as if this month (March) was going to be a busy one.

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Area Happenings

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Elba Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and open qualification for party candidates for the following county offices: Coffee County Probate Judge, ALL seven (7) seats on the county commission, members of the Coffee County BOE Districts 2, 3 & 5, and constables for all respective beats in the county.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, March 13, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION. The Pine Level School Reunion will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish for dinner. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be provided. Teachers and anyone who attended Pine Level School are invited to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A newspaper friend was recently telling the story of how he and some other swap pictures of special events, such as when the President went to Selma, etc. The industry slang for asking someone to take a particular picture is to say "shoot a scene of . . ." Now in e-mails where that statement is used, they have started adding a p.s. at the bottom which reads: "Hey, FBI, I just want a picture." That is in case there is a real shooting and the feds decide to check reporters' e-mail records. We laughed at first, but it is probably a smart thing to do.

This is being written on Tuesday afternoon, *THE* Super Tuesday in the presidential election arena. It is the day the voters in a whole bunch of states go to the polls to voice preferences for their respective party's presidential candidate. Alabama is not in that bunch, so we sit back and watch the others scrap. Right now it looks as if Al Gore will lock up the Democratic nomination today and George Bush will do the same in the Republican camp. Both these men were the initial front runners and both faltered in early primaries. However, they both regrouped and appear headed to an early victory.

We received an e-mail questionnaire on the presidential candidates, kinda a fun thing to do. We answered the questions and were a bit insulted that it showed us agreeing with Al Gore 55% of the time . . . 80% of the time on government issues! We agreed with the other three major candidates - Bush, McCain and Bradley - 40% of the time overall. In searching for an excuse in siding with Al Gore, we pointed out to ourselves that some of the multiple choice questions didn't give the exact answer we would have used in a written quiz or in talking about the various issues.

Earl McCollough stopped by the office one morning recently to prove to us he does something besides ride the roads and talk. Opening a large ice chest he displayed a full cooler of iced down crappie. Now we didn't run our hands down into the cold contents to confirm the sizes on all of them, but those on top were the bragging kind! His story is that he caught the fish at Lake Eufaula the night before. He declined to give a total count (or didn't know one) and the issue was not pushed. It would have been bad for him to be bragging about a large catch and have to face the game warden with an explanation of why he had exceeded the limit.

Our e-mail gets more junk mail than the traditional mail box these days. We are fast learning which ones to trash without even opening them. However, Tuesday morning there was this message about a great new internal combustion engine to be unveiled at an upcoming show in Detroit. Classified as among the greatest of recent inventions this thing cuts down on pollution, wear on components, less vibration, better gas consumption, better performance, power and less noise. Of course this was talk of the folks hoping to sell the new rotary engine to . . . well to someone.

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman will be stumping the Wiregrass Friday. He starts with a 7:00 a.m. stop in Troy. The governor will be in Andalusia for a big feed around noon. It is good to get out and meet your political leaders at times like this, but don't ever expect him or her to have any quality time for you in particular. There are at least a hundred people standing around and ready to pounce on the politician's time if they see he might have a free moment.

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TOWN HALL MEETING

All Citizens of Elba are invited to share their thoughts and opinions with Elba's Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

When: Tuesday • March 21, 2000
Where: Elba High School Auditorium
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Elba's Long Range Planning Committee requests your attendance.

Long Range Planning Committee:
Marion Brunson, Mickey Driggers, Jimmy Harrison, Betsy Martin, Van McCall, Kaye Whitworth, Ronnie Young

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 28, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, two criminal trespasses, five criminal mischief, two missing juveniles, one reckless endangerment, two assaults, four harassments, one possession of marijuana, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following arrests were made: four for harassment, two for failure to appear, two for reckless endangerment, one for assault, one for possession of marijuana, one for criminal trespass, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for negotiation of a negotiable instrument.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: sixteen for speeding, one for improper passing, two for driving without a driver's license, five for failure to fasten seat belt, three for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for failure to yield, one for violation of child restraint law, three for driving while driver's license is revoked, two for driver's license not in possession, four for running a stop sign, and one for running a red light.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 415 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL 203 and Taylor Mill Road (11:01 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court-house: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY ROOM** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 2:30 p.m. - Sup't. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-2858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Coffee Inn, Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. - 4 p.m. - City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.
• **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department.
• **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932** - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

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Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home sponsoring cancer detection program

The Breast & Cervical Cancer early Detection Program of Alabama is being sponsored locally by Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home.

The program, which will last approximately an hour, will be held on March 22, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room of Elba General Hospital. It is free and the public is invited to attend.

The speaker for the program will be Jean Daniels-Terry, Educator with the Coffee County Family Services Center.

This program provides breast and cervical screenings for women who meet the following eligibility guidelines:

• Primarily women age 40 and older.

• Women without insurance or who are unmarried.

• Women who meet the income guidelines below.

A woman who meets the eligibility requirements receives a FREE pelvic exam and pap smear; a FREE clinical breast exam; and a FREE mammogram (age 50 and older).

Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following numbers represent the household size and annual, monthly and weekly incomes

respectively:

1 \$16,480 \$1,373 \$317
2 \$22,120 \$1,843 \$425

3 \$27,760 \$2,313 \$534

4 \$33,400 \$2,783 \$642

5 \$39,040 \$3,253 \$751

6 \$44,680 \$3,723 \$859

For more information concerning the program and to register, call Jan Wicker at 897-2257 ext. 225.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 29, 2000, through March 6, 2000. They were:

Weader Danley, Pencie Bowdin, Annie Quattlebaum, Josephine Grant, Betty Sasser, Patricia Minton, Early Cardwell, Sharon Grant, James Richards, Brittin Ray Stokes, Shane Warren, Virginia Long, Clarence Taylor, Emma Williamson, Velvet Coleman, Bryant Henderson, Winnie James, James Catlett, Trudie Jackson, Joe Dean, Ruth Harrelson, Betty Spenser, Jamie Kelley, and Ludyne Chandler.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Pencie Bowdin, Hattie Carpenter, Joe Kilcrease, Birricus Hill, Cedric Hill, Betty Sasser, Vera Bryan, Early Cardwell, Annie Daniels, Willie Daniels, Weader Danley, Shane Warren, Brittin Ray Stokes, Sharon Grant, Missy Miller, Virginia Long, Clarence Taylor, Emma Williamson, Patricia Minton, Bryant Henderson, Josephine Green, James Catlett, and Jimmy Cochran.

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From the Desk of:
State Representative Terry Spicer

The House Votes to Crack Down On Deadbeat Parents

Montgomery - Parents who are delinquent in paying child support beware. Your picture may be soon featured in your local paper and on the Internet as being one of the ten most wanted deadbeat parents by the Department of Human Resources. House Bill 308, passed by the House of Representatives, gives DHR the authority to publish a list of the 10 parents it believes to be the most delinquent in the child support payments.

Hundreds of Alabama's children are going without basic necessities, like food, clothes, and school supplies, because one of his or her parents is not helping with the costs associated with raising a child," states bill co-sponsor Representative Terry Spicer (D - Elba). "This bill encourages personal responsibility."

Current law requires the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to operate a child support program which locates absent parents, establishes paternity, establishes or modifies support orders, and enforces support obligations. House Bill 308 charges DHR to publish the names and pictures of the top ten obligors who are delinquent in their child support payments in newspapers throughout the state, and post them on the DHR Internet site. "This bill can help improve the quality of life for hundreds of Alabama children," comments bill sponsor Representative Sue Schmitt (D-Toney). "They deserve every chance we can give them."

DHR has approximately 315,000 open child support cases. Sixty percent of the cases have court orders in place for officials to seek the absent parent. Of that 60% one in three will be collected. House members hope that by publishing deadbeat parents' names, that the collections statistics will rise.

There are several steps DHR will have to go through before a person's name will be published. DHR will try to contact the parent at his or her last known address and the parent will be given 90 days to respond to DHR. The parent will have to make a payment to DHR that is at least equal to the monthly child support amount, provide a current address and evidence of employment wages and salary. Finally, withholding from the parent's wages and salary for support payments will be established. If a parent doesn't fulfill these obligations, DHR will ask the custodial parent for permission to publish the absent parent's information.

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Claiming Personal Property Will Become Easier

MONTGOMERY - Thanks to a bill sponsored by Representative Terry Spicer (D - Elba), the State Treasurer's Office may have a new way to match unclaimed property to its rightful owners. House members voted this week on a proposal that will authorize the State Treasurer to request and receive from the Department of Revenue current address information of people who have items in the Unclaimed Property Division of the Treasurer's Office.

"A high percentage of Alabamians do not even know that the Unclaimed Property section exists, or that they may be due money from an old insurance policy or closed bank account," states Representative Spicer. "And, even if they did, most wouldn't know where or how to claim it, or see if they needed to place a claim."

Under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act of 1972, businesses are required to turn over unclaimed property to the state after a specified time period and after numerous attempts to contact the owner have been exhausted. This property can include banking accounts, retirement accounts, investments, stocks, insurance policies, real estate, personal items, and any other unclaimed possessions. Originally located in the Department of Revenue, the Unclaimed Property section moved to the State Treasurer's Office in 1996.

The Treasurer's Office established an "Unclaimed Property" Internet web site in May, 1999 in hopes of watching the items with their owners. Since 1996, 40,615 people have come forward to claim items totaling \$12.2 million. More than half of those claims have come through the Internet site in the last year. The Internet site is working, but not working fast enough.

"My office has aggressively tried to notify the citizens of Alabama about our Internet site and encouraged them to call our office for information," comments State Treasurer Lucy Baxley (D - Montgomery). "We hope that by drawing on another agency's resources, we can step up our efforts to return the property."

House Bill 328 will move to the Senate next week. For more information on the Unclaimed Property section, contact the state Treasurer's Office at 334-242-7500 or visit the web site at www.treasurer.state.al.us.

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AREA DEATHS

LULA BEATRICE (SWEETIE) GOODSON

Goodson, age 92, of Rt. 1, New Brockton, Ala., died March 3, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held March 5, 2000 at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church with Rev. Hobert McWaters officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

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***March Birthday: Grover J. Belcher - March 28 (in Memory) - "Gospel Benefit Fest benefiting Bro. Timothy (Sonny) Thigpen and Sis. Janie Mac Kelley will be Saturday, March 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Mistress of the Ceremony will be Sis. Jean Caldwell. In concert: Jordan Aries Enterprise, The

New Beginners, Enterprise, Heavenly Voices, Headland, Liberty Altes, Enterprise, Ingram Brothers, Enterprise, New Salem Chorus, Ruten. All groups and chorists are welcome to register. All donations are welcome. Sponsored by: The Elba Zion Youth Department.

***20th Anniversary of Rev. Murray Powell as pastor of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church was March 5, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. Guest minister will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Tarentum. The Shiloh Baptist Church Choir of Tarentum rendered music. Other members of Shiloh were present. Those attending the occasion from Rocky Head

Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

Calvary Baptist Church of Brantley, Ala., will host a gospel singing on Saturday, March 11, at 7 p.m. featuring the Riley Family of Troy, Ala. Everyone is welcome.

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. to hold annual CWC Workshop

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. of Elba will hold its annual CWC Workshop on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Elba Church of God to hold Barbecue

The Elba Church of God will have a Barbecue this Saturday, March 11, \$5 per plate or \$8 per pound. Pick up or deliver. Call 897-2989 or 897-4593.

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In 1 Cor. 1:2 - The Apostle Paul wrote, "Unto the church of God which is a Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." Thank God for being able to see all that you have "not yet been." All the way from our childhood until our adulthood, God knows what you are able to accomplish in your life and what you will accomplish in your life. His desire is that you accomplish sainthood in the end. But until then, what does life have of you. Many of our church in the community are made up of the older generation of saints who in years earlier had a vision or a goal of what they wanted to accomplish in life. But, very few can honestly say, "I have accomplished all my dreams." Let me encourage you, saint of God, don't let your age keep you from completing God's will in your life. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He changes not. Because it is never too late to begin.

There was a man who was sixty-five years old and had just received his Social Security check. He opened it, looked at it, and thought, "Is this really all there is left for me? I'm retired, and I'm sixty-five, and I've nothing to look forward to except waiting for the check to come." He began to think. As his mind played across the experiences he might draw on to change his circumstances, he remembered his childhood. His parents had both worked and out of necessity, had taught him how to cook. He'd been a pretty good cook and had even started a restaurant business once, though it had failed. He began casting about in his creative mind to think how to use that experience. His mother used to make the best fried chicken anywhere, so he searched for the recipe for herbs to coat the chicken. When he found it, he climbed into his old car and started out on the road, thinking he would sell her recipe to someone who wanted to start a business with him. At first he received a lot of "No's." But, he kept on with his vision and goal, and was determined not to give up even if he was sixty-five years old. But, he kept on until finally someone said, "Yes." And at sixty-five, Harold Sanders was retired on a Social Security income. And at eighty, he was a multi-millionaire, known around the world as "Colonel Sanders," originator of Kentucky Fried Chicken. He used his experiences in life to discover that it is never too late to begin! Friends, God has given us all visions and dreams, don't give up. God knows all that you have not been, but with his help and your experiences in life, you can still accomplish your visions and dreams in life. It's never too late to begin, so begin today!

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet March 15th

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, on Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. The program speakers are Justice Harold See and Judge Pam Baschab who are running for Chief Justice. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Virginia Howard at 393-6415.

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LIFESTYLES



Karen Schindler honored with linen shower Saturday, February 12th

Miss Karen Schindler, bride-elect of Michael Grantham, was honored with a linen shower on Feb. 12, 2000 at the Elba Public Library Community Room. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Parker of Elba and Mr. James Schindler of Orange Beach, Ala. Hostesses were aunts of the bride-elect: Mrs. Melissa Phillips, Mrs. Charlene Hudson and Mrs. Mary Upchurch. Pictured above from left

to right are: Melissa Phillips, hostess; Cindy Eddins, mother of the groom; Karen Schindler, bride-elect; Myra Parker, mother of the bride-elect; and Mary Upchurch, hostess.

2000 Coffee County Pageants to be held April 30th

The 2000 Coffee County Pageants will be held April 30 at Elba High School. Categories include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss, Teen Miss and Miss.

Future Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss and Teen Miss pageants will be held at 1:30 p.m., and the Little Miss and Miss pageants will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Little Miss and Miss will compete in the National Peanut Festival Pageant. For questions, call Teressa Dutton at 347-2848 or Karen Patrick at 347-9667. If no answer, please leave a message, and someone will get back to you.

There will be an organizational meeting March 12 at 2 p.m. at the YMCA Adult Building.

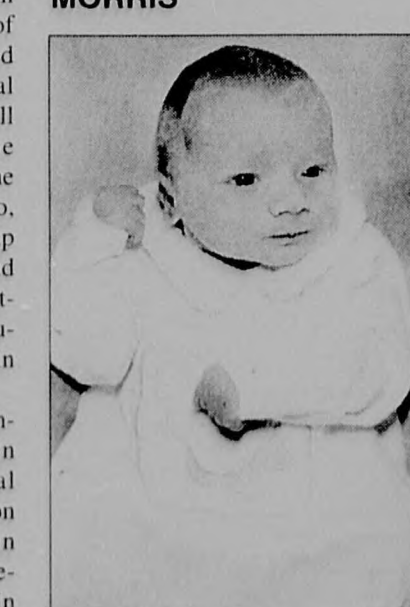
NEW ARRIVAL
CAROLINE ANN GOODSON



Caroline Ann Goodson

Jeff and Donna Goodson of Dothan, Ala. announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Ann "Callie", on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, 4:40 p.m., at Flowers Hospital. Callie weighed 9 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Anna Beth, age 4. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. Proud grandparents are Ray and Fay Goodson of Elba and Don and Charlotte Lewis of Dothan.

NEW ARRIVAL
MATTHEW LOGAN MORRIS



Matthew Logan Morris

Ricky and Becky (Wise) Morris of Grove Hill announce the birth of their son, Matthew Logan. Matthew was born Feb. 14, 2000 at 12:57 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Sibyl Wise of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of New Brockton.



Kidd-McManigle wedding to be held Saturday, March 18th

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. William McManigle announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Fran to Jason Paul.

He is a 1993 graduate of Luverne High School and is currently employed in Luverne.

The wedding will be on March 18, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Assembly of God Church in Brantley, Ala. No local invitations are being sent, but all relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Agnes Butts Clawson and the late Mr. William J. Clawson of Blairsville, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. William McManigle of Brooksville, Pa.

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Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Titter, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. 2nd & 4th Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Sun. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Davis, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Even. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

DOKAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Bonnie Marie, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Darryl Sherer, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

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FANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET
J.E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 5:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 5:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J.L. Grayer, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Gerry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Darryl Sherer, Pastor
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Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

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Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hatcher, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J.R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Dwyer, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert McMath, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

NEW FLEMING BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Byron Golden, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.

Pine Level School Reunion to be held March 25th

The Pine Level School Reunion will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish for dinner. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be provided. Teachers and anyone who attended Pine Level School are invited to attend.

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White House Commission on Presidential Scholars

Mark Newman, a graduating senior at Leon High School, has been named one of more than 2,600 candidates in the year 2000 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2000.

Now in its 37th year, the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The 2,600 candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment. Further consideration is based on the students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will make final selection of the scholars. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts; and 15 students at large. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C. for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars medalion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in activities with their elected representatives, educators and others in public life.

Mark is the son of Jay and Sue Newman. He is also the grandson of Wilson and Addie Newman of Elba. He has been accepted to attend Princeton University.

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Middle School Art Contest



Pictured above (l-r) are: Joshua Nelson, Matthew Dobbs, and Zach Legg. Other winners were not available for picture.

Cartoon characters, automobiles, landscapes, animals, and logos were the categories for the first annual Zion Chapel Middle School Art Contest. Students who wished to enter could enter as many categories and as many times as they chose. Each picture entered had to be hand drawn in either pencil or colored pencils.

Josh Crook took first and second place in the cartoon category. Inessa Wambles won third place.

In the automobile category Joshua Nelson won first place, Brandon Perkins won second, and Earl Jacobs won third.

Matthew Dobbs took first place in the landscape category while Luke Taylor was named second and Megan Johnson was named third.

Zach Legg was first in the animals category. Megan Johnson won second, and Randy Harley won third.

There were only two winners in the logos category and Jeremy Sanders won first and B.J. Buhrmann won second.

Coffee County Schools Menu March 13 - 17, 2000

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Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles or Strawberry Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage Patty w/ White Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, English Peas, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
Tuesday - Baked Ham, Baked Turkey, Dressing w/ Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Canned Yams, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Steak Sandwich, Blackeyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Beefaroni, Fish Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Hash Browns, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Cheese Pizza, Meat Loaf, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread Slice, Fruit, Jelly-O, Milk

Elvis Presley's Brother Speaks To Students About Drug Abuse

by Morgan Hodge
 On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Rick Stanley came to Zion Chapel to speak to students in grades 8 through 12 about the effects of drug and alcohol use.

When Mr. Stanley was young, he had a father that became abusive when he was intoxicated. He and his brother spent some time in foster care because of this bad habit of his fathers. His mother and father eventually divorced, and his mother became Mrs. Presley when she married Elvis Presley's father.

Mr. Stanley stressed to the students the importance of resisting peer pressure. He told of his own mistakes, and the lessons that could be learned from mistakes.

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District IV FBLA Conference



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Dawyne Davis, Stacey Cape, Alan Sanders, Kim Jordan, Daphne Jirright, and David Eddins; second row - Jonah Edmondson, Brandon Arnold, Tracy Banks, Jessica Kelley, and Tara Grant; back row - Morgan Hodge, Amie Perry, Sarah Maddox, Heather Arnold, and Heather Danley.

Central High School of Phenix City, Ala., was the host chapter for the 2000 District IV Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference. Because Phenix City is in the Eastern Time Zone, Zion Chapel FBLA members had to leave an hour early to make up for the hour that would be lost on the trip. However, all of the contestants and most of the members who were just "attending" arrived on time for the 5 a.m. bus trip.

Zion Chapel had seventeen district winners. The winners included: Dawyne Davis - Business Law; Stacey Cape - Computer Applications; Alan Sanders, Kim Jordan, Daphne Jirright and David Eddins - Entrepreneurship; Jonah Edmondson - FBLA Principles & Procedure; Brandon Arnold - Introduction to Business; Tracy Banks - Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures; Jessica Kelley - Job Interview; Tara Grant - Ms. FBLA; and Morgan Hodge, Amie Perry, Sarah Maddox, Heather Arnold, and Heather Danley - Parliamentary Procedure.

The FBLA district winners will compete in Birmingham, Ala., April 13-14, during the 2000 Alabama Chapter State Conference.

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The Nation's Report Card

by Ceretha Towles
 The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a congressionally mandated survey of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the U.S. Department of Education designed to measure the current status of the educational achievement of young Americans and to report changes and long-term trends at the national and regional levels. The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) formulates policy guidelines for NAEP.

Since 1990 NAEP assessments have also been conducted on the state level. Because the national NAEP samples were not, and are not currently, designed to support the reporting of accurate and representative state-level results, separate representative samples of students are selected for each participating jurisdiction. NAEP traditionally reported only on the nation as a whole and compared four geographic regions of the country. Many people maintained that more detailed information would assist efforts to improve American education. Because states have the primary responsibility for public education, state-level data were seen as being particularly useful.

In April 1988, Congress responded by adding to the national assessment a new component, the trial state assessment. Under this component, every state could volunteer to participate in the program and would assume responsibility for administration of the assessment.

NAEP provides useful models to guide education improvement. Looking at how assessments are built can aid schools in assessing students, building new lessons, and clarifying curriculum goals. NAEP also provides examples of ways to use NAEP framework goals for classroom assessment exercises.

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participated in the NAEP state assessments. The subjects assessed were reading at grades 4 and 8 and writing at grade 8. Some states did not administer all three assessments. The goal for 2000 is for all states to participate in the mathematics and science state assessments at grades 4 and 8. Mathematics is being assessed in the state component for the fourth time since 1990, using the frameworks. The frameworks call for more open-ended and extended open-ended response items, as well as the use of manipulatives such as simple and scientific calculators, rulers, protractors, and geometric shapes. This is the second time the states will assess science at grade 8 and the first for grade 4. The science assessment consists of two cognitive blocks, 20 minutes at grade 4 and 30 minutes at grade 8. There is also a third block for a half sample of students taking the science assessment. The third block is a "hands-on" experiment. The student responds to the item by performing in investigation using the science kit and records his/her findings in the test booklet. There are three different kits at each grade level. The reusable science kit material will be left at the school with a grade appropriate "Science Activity Book" that details other uses for the left over materials. The fields of earth, physical, and life sciences are covered in the Science Frameworks.

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ZC Rebels 2000-2001 Cheerleaders

by Daphne Jirright
 Zion Chapel varsity and junior varsity cheerleading tryouts were held on Feb. 28. The Zion Chapel 2000-2001 varsity cheerleaders are Sarah Maddox-Captain, Mallore Bedsole-Co Captain, Kim Rayburn, Whitney Stephens, Kayla Bundrick, Amanda Perry, Ashley Wambles, Heather Golden, Adam Blake, Nichole Mitchell, Christine Roberts, and Rebecca Ward. The Zion Chapel 2000-2001 junior varsity cheerleaders are Amber Henderson-Captain, Kenna Roberts-Co Captain, Anna Edmondson, Meta Gatlin, Shannon Allen, Heather Sanders, Christina McWaters, and Jacque Cowart.

The judges were Leah Deal, Anna Marie Owens, and Karen Davis. The cheerleaders were selected by overall scores earned from teacher evaluations and a total of the scores from the three judges. A candidate could earn 250 points for Teacher Evaluation, 75 for Entrance, 225 for Individual Cheer, 150 for Jumps, 75 for Group Chant, 75 for Group Cheer, 75 for the Dance, and 75 for the Overall Appearance. The total possible was 1000 points. All totals were kept confidential. There were twelve varsity candidates who tried out, eleven girls, and one boy. There were also twelve that tried out for junior varsity. The varsity captain was selected by a combination of leadership ability as shown during the preceding year, tryout scores, and years of experience. Miss Stacy Steck, cheerleader coach, said, "Although varsity has been traditionally from the tenth to twelfth grade, we had two freshmen on the regular squad and one eighth grader on the competition squad. Because this worked so well last year, we decided to allow freshmen to try out for varsity. If they had not earned high enough scores to make the squad, they would have been considered for JV. I am excited about this year's squad. We have an eclectic group of students who have from no cheerleading experience to several years of experience. We even have one boy on

the squad. His responsibilities will mostly include helping us to perform more powerful stunts. Once the new school year begins, our audience will notice that many of his cheering motions and dance moves will be slightly different (less feminine) than the girls' motions."



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Co-Op Spotlight

by Natasha Bannin
 This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Amber Norris. Amber is employed at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation where she is a secretary.

Amber is the 17-year-old daughter of Pamela Lewis and is a junior at Elba High. She is VICA Parliamentary, Elba Tiger Mascot and is a member of Sr. Beta. She also coached the 8 and under Girls Basketball Team.

Amber's future plans are to attend the University of South Alabama, double major in psychology and sociology in order to become a social worker.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
 Kimberly Ward
 &
 Cammie Kelley

TIGER BRIEFS

EHS Chorus travels to Zion Chapel
 by Emilee Benbow
 On Feb. 23 twenty-two members of

the EHS Chorus were invited to perform at Zion Chapel High School during a multi-cultural history program. The chorus performed many songs, most of which were early African American gospel songs. These songs were sang a capella, to bring the history to the class. These sessions lasted for 4 1/2 hours long and fifty teachers from EES were involved. On March 6, the instructors from MacArthur returned to the high school to teach the high school staff. Mr. David Stokes stated, "There is a wealth of resources available to the teachers and students on the internet from tried and proven lesson plans and class projects to on-line databases from student research."

When asked about the use of the internet in schools, Mrs. Boggan replied, "The vast amount of information available to us through internet access can be very useful and resourceful in classrooms, offices, and homes if the information can be somewhat censored." Joan Boggan teaches the Work Force Development classes and Continuing Education classes at MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, Alabama. Mrs. Sauls' reply was, "the internet provides avenues for obtaining information unlike what we've had before. Research papers and reports are easily developed because of the numerous resources available." Tonita Sauls is the head of the Computer Department at MacArthur, MacArthur State Technical College has also provided computer training sessions for Dorsey Trailers, People's Bank of Elba, Southbank Bank of Opp, Opp City Schools, and the Southeast Alabama Council on Aging. Along with these courses taught at a specific location, they also offer on-campus courses at the college.

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Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Ham & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs or Cereal, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Salisbury Steak, Rice w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Half Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Thursday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Half Orange, Milk
Friday - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Cake, Milk

NEWS FROM ESJC

Toile and Decorative Painting is such a popular special session course. Enterprise State Junior College offers it each semester. For spring semester this course is scheduled for a second session on Thursdays, April 6 - May 11, 6-9 p.m. The registration deadline is March 30, and there is a \$30 fee for this course. Students may bring their own supplies (bring them to the first class meeting), or they may purchase supplies for an additional cost of approximately \$30-\$50. Students must be at least twelve years old. The class is limited to 15. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer - Level 1, will be offering a third session

this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, April 3-11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is March 27. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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EES Teachers Attend Computer Training

by Kimberly Ward

On Feb. 18, the Elba Elementary teachers attended an In-Service Program at Elba High School. The program was used to train teachers in the basic use of computers. Instructors and students from MacArthur State Technical College were there to assist in the computer training. Miss Tonita Sauls and Joann Boggan, both instructors at MacArthur, were two of the women who helped the teachers learn a little more about computers.

The instructors taught the teachers basic computer terms, the different areas of the screens, how to key in URLs, and how to add web pages to the Favorites bar. The teachers also learned how to use the Menu and Tool bar and the Drop down List button. These are used for quick and easy access to the computer. Learning to use hyperlinks, printing web page, and keyboard shortcuts were also a big part of the class. These sessions lasted for 4 1/2 hours long and fifty teachers from EES were involved. On March 6, the instructors from MacArthur returned to the high school to teach the high school staff. Mr. David Stokes stated, "There is a wealth of resources available to the teachers and students on the internet from tried and proven lesson plans and class projects to on-line databases from student research."

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at home, at school, or at an office. The last approach is voluntary workshops. The teachers will attend the workshops that will help in e-mail use, reading and math. These approaches will surely

increase the standard of teaching and learning in the school system. Thanks to MacArthur State Technical College and to Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. I. Clark for the use of their rooms and time.

Meet Our Faculty

by Emilee Qualls
 The teacher spotlight for this week is Mrs. Karen Davis.

Mrs. Davis graduated from Elba High School and attended college at Troy State University. She majored in Math and Sociology Education.

Mrs. Davis has only taught at Elba High School, and she teaches math.

She is married to Brett Davis and has one child Anna Marie. Mrs. Davis says that her favorite thing about EHS is that it is her Alma Mater and she has always been an Elba Tiger and she will always be one.



Skills Contest Winners

by Amy Kirkland
 The Elba High Automotive Technology and Welding Programs held their annual VICA Skills Contest on Jan. 20. The winners were as follows: Automotive Technology: 1st - Jeffery Fuller; 2nd - Greg Bowers; 3rd - Chris Eiland.

Welding: 1st - Job Bowers; 2nd - Eli Praytor; 3rd - Brian Rhodes.

The first and second place winners will compete in the state VICA Skills Contest in Montgomery during April 19-21.

The programs would like to thank all the students who participated, as well as those from local businesses and industries who judged the contests.



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